



Congham Parish Council

Chair Jeff Compton

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th January 2020

Attendees:- Councillors J Compton, N Grief, A Page, G Stratton, T Tilbrook Cllr Manning
Residents M Tilbrook H Scase, G Clark

Clerk *Kate Sayer*

20011	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
20012	Apologies with reasons for absence were received from Cllr T Tilbrook.
20013	<i>It was resolved to agree the minutes</i> of the Parish Council meeting on the 25th November 2019.
20014	Declarations of Interest were received from Cllr N Grief re the HUFL request for a donation
20015	Report from Borough Councillors C Manning & Cllr M De Whalley The campaign against the 600 homes at Knights Hill has been led very credibly by David Goddard. I have assisted where I can. At last weeks' public inquiry members of the public who wished to speak were asked by the inspector to divide up their three-minute presentations (as) in such a way as to avoid repetition. Longer written submissions were also accepted. I spoke on the impact of the development on Roydon Common – majoring on light pollution. Ben Colson (formerly of Norfolk Green Busses) was most notable giving a very credible argument at a 'round table session' for expert representation on transport. Unfortunately, the highly paid consultant (employed by neighbouring parish councils) conceded to the developers in the round table session. Tim Leader impressed as the Borough Council's advocate. I consider that there is a good chance of the development being turned down. This won't be the end of the matter though as the developer is likely to submit less ambitious plans (say 400 homes) if/when permission is denied. Other issues raised was the light pollution on Roydon Common and the AONB Dark Skies. The decision is now left with the Secretary of State. The King's Lynn Innovation Centre comes under scrutiny again having been discussed at today's Audit Committee and will be the subject of a special meeting on 10th February with an internal report written to assist the external investigator. The King's Lynn Transport Study is to be discussed at Tuesday's Regeneration and Development Panel. This has attracted controversy for prioritising cars over pedestrians, cyclists, mobility buggies and public transport. Two accidents last week, one involving a cyclist and the other a mobility buggy, highlighted these concerns.
20016	Public Participation Mark Tilbrook spoke on behalf of the Cricket Club to outline the issues they currently have in relation to the electricity supply and requested a donation from the Parish Council.

20017	Clerks Report Co-opting a new Councillor The Clerk reported that we still need to seek a further Councillor as H Frost had moved from the village. We still had no representation from Low Rd, women or young people. Highways, Footpaths and Bridleway.Two residents have contacted the clerk re large vehicles using St Andrews Lane and the speed of traffic along St Andrews Lane. Contractors using the Lane as a short cut. This has been referred to the police and to Highways with no response. The Footpath adjacent to the old railway line is now unusable as brush from the nearby hedge has encroached onto the footpath. G Stratton has reported a culvert which was being repaired but had not been completed and singed by plastic bags hanging on wire. Also a tree had fallen over and the main trunk had been cleared away but smaller branches have been left. Highways have been alerted to the condition of the footpath but we need to put more pressure on them. Perhaps we could invite the Highway Engineer to come along to discuss these issues with us. Councillor Responsibilities If any councillor is able to offer to take a role with a particular part of Councillor business please let me know. Cllr A Page. Planning. + NHP. Cllr G Stratton Footpaths. Cllr M D Whalley Neighbourhood Planning.
20018	Planning Applications There were no new planning applications, however there had been concern re a Crusher on the Pad. The Planning Dept had been in discussions with the Clerk and a Resident.
20019	Neighbourhood Plan. The working group is meeting on the 3rd Feb. Then the draft plan will be overseen by the Borough Planning Consultants.
200110	Budget (attached) <i>a.The final budget was discussed and was then agreed for 2020 -21.</i> b. The precept for 2020-21 was set at £6025 + £20 grant c. The Clerk and Councillors will arrange a meeting re the Fuel Allotment in February.
20111	Finance (finance document attached) <i>The payments and receipts were presented and agreed.</i> <i>The following payments were agreed</i> i. Congham Hall £28.00 ii. HMRC £80.80 iii. Clerks Salary, SLCC and Expenses. £419.50 iv. Royal British Legion. £25.00 v. Donations to HUFL £200 and the Cricket Club £360

20112	Correspondence All correspondence brought to the council was noted. A letter of thanks was received from St Andrews Church
20013	Dates of Meetings in 2020 23rd March Annual Parish Meeting (followed by the Parish Council meeting), 11th May Annual Parish Council Meeting 27th July PC Meeting 28th September PC Meeting 23rd November PC Meeting 25th January PC Meeting 2021
	Chair. <i>J Compton</i> 11th May 2020